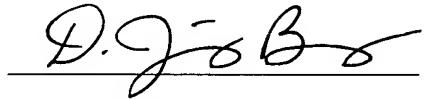


REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been revised to include a reference to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/437,521, filed December 31, 2002. The Preliminary Amendment does not introduce new matter, and entry of the Amendment prior to the examination of the application is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be incurred by this submission. However, should any fees or petitions be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is requested to treat this as such petition, and is hereby authorized to charge any fees due to Caterpillar Inc.'s Deposit Account No. 03-1129.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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